(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The Department of Land Resources in Ministry of Rural Development is implementing three major Watershed Development Programmes namely, Integrated Watershed Development Programme (IWDP), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) on watershed basis. These programmes aim at *in-situ* soil amd moisture conservation measures including afforestation, construction of check dams, contour bunds and development of pasture lands, accelerated regeneration of bio-mass etc, Thus, each and every drop of water including that of monsoon rains is to be conserved so that the water precipitating in the village remains within the village and within the fields remains within the field itself as far as possible and rivers, tanks and ponds are not silted up and over flooded, The Department has also taken initiative for restoration of traditional water sources by desiltation of ponds and tanks at village level. This will not only help in effective water harvesting but "also enchancing the capacity of traditional water sources and thereby making more water available for agricultural and human consumption.

Publication of Directory of Rural Technology

4488. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Institute of Rural Development has published the Directory of Rural Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Directory has been made available throughout the country in rural areas;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD) has published a Directory of Rural Technologies (DRT) in three volumes, each containing 100 rural technologies (RTs). Volume I was published in January 2001, Volume II was published in April 2001 and Volume III was published in January 2002.

(c) to (e) After the publication of the Directory, extensive efforts have been made by NIRD to give the publicity to the Directory by, writing to the DRDAs, State Secretaries of Rural Development, Heads of State Institute of Rural Development, Deemed Universities of Rural Development, Directors of S&T Laboratories such as CSIR, ICAR, Agricultural Universities, Non-Governmental Organisations, etc. highlighting the usefulness and importance of the Directory. The message has also been spread through the media by way of book reviews/announcements.

A large number of departments/institutions/individuals have shown keen interest in the Directory and many of them have placed orders for the DRT volume.

Build, operate and maintain water schemes

4489. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rural Development Ministry have initiated any programme on 'build, operate and maintain' basis in water schemes;

(b) if so, the 'details thereof;

(c) the number of districts identified for this scheme alongwith the funds made available to them, separately; and

(d) the present status of the scheme with details of the extent of work done and money spent by each of these districts; separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No, strategy named 'build, operate and maintain' in drinking water supply schemes has been initiated by the Rural Development Ministry.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.